

It is my understanding that Sinclair Broadcasting is mandating that their stations air an anti-John Kerry documentary days before the presidential election. While I am a Kerry supporter, this is not a partisan issue in my mind. It goes to the preservation of a democracy where the majority rules AND the minority is protected.

One of the dangers of media consolidation is that they may not feel that they have an obligation to participation in the protection of the minority opinion. T

Using the public airwaves to leverage the financial power of a large corporation toward furthering one's political agenda should be illegal. And I suspect that it is under the FCC's legal requirement for media to serve the public interest. When large companies are allowed to control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for them and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. Thank you.